

## Southern California Combed for Source Of Bubonic Plague

Ventura, Calif. (U.P.)—State health officers combed this southern California area today in hopes of tracking down the source of dread bubonic plague which has claimed one life.

The State Health department confirmed Tuesday that Andrew Sakacs, 43, of Oxnard, Calif., a civilian employee at the nearby Port Huemene naval installation, died Monday night of the disease.

Sakacs was stricken June 22 while on a fishing trip in Ventura county. Officials said the victim probably was bitten by an infected flea from a small animal such as a squirrel or rat. No other persons have been reported stricken in the area.

Rare Malady  
The victim, a retired Navy chief petty officer, was treated shortly after contacting the rare malady by doctors at the naval installation. But as soon as they recognized his symptoms as being those of bubonic plague, he was put in an isolation ward at the Corona Naval hospital where he died.

Health department investigators Dr. Milford Wyman and Harvey Magy were sent to this area to trace the victim's fatal route and collect rodent and flea specimens for testing. The Health department stressed that there was little danger of the disease affecting others unless they contacted the infected carriers of it.

## Recommendation for Portland E-R Site

Portland (U.P.)—Portland's off-delayed and much-discussed Exposition-Recreation center was the subject of a recommendation filed with the city council yesterday, which is designed to iron out the difficulties and get started on construction.

Commissioner Ormond R. Bean recommended that a conference between East and West side supporters be called in an attempt to determine a site.

In the event the conference fails to meet agreement, Bean recommended that measures be placed on the November ballot that would repeal the charter amendment limiting construction to the east side, restore to the E-R commission the powers it lost in the May 18 vote, or offer the voters a chance to name the site.

which swept Europe in the Middle Ages, since 1947 when a 12-year-old boy was stricken in Modoc county. Three other youngsters died from bubonic plague in northern California in 1951.

Sakacs became ill two days after he returned from the one-day fishing trip in wooded area. He complained of pains in his groin and chest and developed a 104-degree fever.

Doctors at the Corona hospital immediately began tests on Sakacs after he was admitted last Friday. They noticed insect bites on the victim's legs and tests confirmed that he was suffering from the disease.

## Stevenson May Share Indiana Delegate Votes

Indianapolis (U.P.)—Adlai E. Stevenson, pro-labor Mayor of Terre Haute and former Agriculture Secretary Claude Wickard were the winners today in the Indiana Democratic convention.

All indications were that the bulk of Indiana's delegation to the Democratic National convention would switch to Stevenson on the second ballot after voting for Sen. Estes Kefauver, the Hoosier primary winner, on the first.

But Stevenson may not have the Hoosier delegation all to himself. New York Gov. Averell Harriman, backed by former National Democratic Chairman Frank McKinney of Indianapolis, and Sen. Stuart Symington of Missouri showed unexpected strength among the delegates who will cast Indiana's 26 votes.

Tucker, a dark horse, stole the state convention spotlight from the presidential aspirants and Wickard.

Tucker fought his way through nine ballots before winning the nomination to run for governor Tuesday night. Wickard's easy victory over former U.S. District Attorney B. Howard Caughran for the chance to run against GOP Sen. Homer Capehart in the fall was an anti-climax.

Roseburg (U.P.)—Ronald Dwayne Jeffers, six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Jeffers of Drain, Ore., was fatally injured Monday night when a tree limb broke and struck his head and chest.

## Cotton Named Head Of Hospital Group

Ashland—John Cotton was elected president of the board of directors of the Southern Oregon Memorial Hospital association at a recent organizational meeting. The goal of the association is a new hospital in Ashland.

Lloyd Selby was elected vice president, Mrs. Carl Hegler, secretary and Ben Lombard, treasurer.

Directors voted to meet the second Monday of each month. Ed Singmaster was named temporary chairman and presided at the organizational meeting. Lombard presented articles of incorporation, which have been approved by the state corporation commissioner, and the board discussed and adopted a set of by-laws to govern its operation.

Cotton, Lombard and Richard Westerberg will serve one-year terms on the board of directors; Don Lewis, Harold Strauss and Singmaster will serve two-year terms; Mrs. Hegler, Selby and Graham Dean will serve three-year terms.

The annual meetings of the membership of the hospital association will be held each April, with three directors to be elected at each meeting.

## 4-H Club Members on Annual County Tour

About 75 Jackson and Josephine county 4-H club members and leaders left from the Southern Oregon Experiment station in Talent at 10 a.m. today for the annual two-day Southern Oregon Crops and Livestock tour.

The group will visit Jackson county farms to look at sheep, dairy, beef and swine and look at latest developments in southern Oregon crops. They will camp overnight at Vic Gardner's lake on Yankee Creek rd., where they will also fish and swim.

At noon today the group had lunch at Lithia park in Ashland and at 1 p.m. were scheduled to judge sheep at the George Nichols ranch on Highway 99 South, Ashland.

At 3 p.m. the 4-H members were scheduled for dairy judging at P. K. Nelson's Cloverlawn Dairy, Bellinger lane, Medford.

Thursday's schedule calls for swine judging at 8 a.m. at the A. T. Lathrop ranch in Central Point; beef judging, 9:30 a.m., John Bohner's Seven Oaks farm, Highway 99 North, Central Point; crop tour, 10:30 a.m., Otto Bohner's ranch, Highway 99 North; lunch at TouVelle state park at 1:30 p.m. and a tour of

## Plans for Ashland July 4 Celebration Parade Taking Form

Ashland—Plans for the Fourth of July celebration parade, which will start at 10:30 a.m., are taking form, according to co-chairmen Malcolm Blohn and Don Lewis of the sponsoring Lions club.

Entry blanks have been sent to clubs and service organizations and a special invitation has been extended to commercial entrants and to mounted units, they said.

The parade will form at the Ashland Junior High school and will march to the entrance of Lithia park. An American Legion color guard with Ashland Mayor Richard Neill as grand marshal will lead the parade.

### Concert Scheduled

The Ashland city band will present a concert at the Butler Memorial band shell at 7:30 p.m. First and second prizes will be awarded in each division of the parade. Blohn and Lewis said. A grand prize will be given the best float. Among entries for the parade thus far are the Kilty band, the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the American Legion Junior auxiliary.

A fireworks display will be held at the Valley View race track north of Ashland the night of July 4. Robert Boyce is chairman of the Jaycee committee in charge of the display.

### Zipper Helps Blind In Crossing Street

San Francisco (U.P.)—San Francisco has installed something unique in safety devices to help blind persons faced with the problem of heavy downtown traffic when they want to cross the street.

The mechanism, recently built into a traffic light pole on one of the city's busiest corners, consists of a bell and a buzzer. The sound is synchronized with the lights and when the bell rings blind persons know the traffic is flowing east and west at the intersection. When the buzzer signals they know the traffic is moving north and south.

City officials said the device was installed at the corner of Seventh and Howard Streets to help the blind who come to the San Francisco Center for the Blind at that location.

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